

A CLEVER DETECTIVE.

He Who Proved to Be a Regular Sherlock Holmes.

"I shall report this to the police at once."

"No, Frank; I, myself, shall sift it to the bottom."

"You, wife? What could you do?"

"What have I already done?"

This was the conversation between Frank Dakin and his young wife the evening after their first "at home" succeeding the honeymoon tour of the great lakes.

Among things presented was a purse containing 20 crisp ten-dollar bills.

"It is mine, all mine!" exclaimed the bride, as playfully she tried to take the purse from her husband.

"Nonsense, if you can get it," he laughed, holding it above his head just beyond her reach. At this many of the young folks rushed to her assistance, and seeing that he was teased, he tossed the purse on the top of a large bookcase.

"There!" he cried. "It is safe now, sure, and I'll let it stay there awhile," and he did, forgetting it altogether in the frolic that followed.

"Well, what have you done?" asked Mr. Dakin, as he stopped eating.

"Just this. You see, while cleaning the parlor this morning I espied, lying near the wall on the floor, Mrs. Hall's letter of regret. It had blown from the secretary. As I picked it up I clearly saw the print of a boot heel upon it. Somehow I instantly thought of that purse, so I got the steps and it was gone; there was no purse on that bookcase. In the dust upon the back of the ornamental top is clearly the impress of a hand, a man's hand, and a large one it is. And it was a large hand that groped about for that purse as it lay in the dust on top of the case."

"Who did this?" I asked myself. A large man, surely, for that heel print is large, the hands are large, and had their owner stood upon a chair even then more than the tips of his fingers would have dragged through the dust as he poked for the purse; so, then, he is a tall man, for he reached up there on tiptoes and his heel crushed into that letter as he stepped back. Do you see?"

"Yes, wife. Have you more?"

"Oh, yes. He is no real gentleman, for he wiped his dusty fingers upon the under side of my lovely table."

"What else, darling?"

"Well, in his boot heel are five tiny horseshoes; there have been six, for the first and third are far enough apart to admit one."

"Well done, sis. Perhaps you followed him by this heel."

"I did, Frank, and he was one of the last to leave the house, as those horseshoes nearly obliterate all other footprints, and they can be seen down the path and even to the corner."

"Is that a fact? Whom do you suspect—any of our guests?"

"Certainly; who else could it be? It is an awful thought, but let me alone and I'll find that party between now and Sunday, or my name isn't Eva Dakin."

"I'm glad of it, darling; I am proud of you. I was going down the street to-night, but now I am going to stay home; yes, where are those fol-de-rol slippers of mine?"

Off came his shoes, and as his wife took them from him, passing him the slippers, he said: "I always stand my shoes on the windowsill to air."

"Why, Frank Dakin?" she exclaimed, as she stood agast; "how could you? You are just too mean for anything, so there."

"What now, pet? What's wrong?"

"Why, it was your heel."

"Certainly, love. You see, I thought of that purse this morning, so I slipped in and took it. See here, I banked the money to your exclusive account," and he presented her the bank book.

"Frank, you're an angel!" she cried. "I presume so, puss," said he, tenderly, "though it is contrary to what you were making me out only a moment ago. But, by George, it is wonderful how you followed everything I did—a regular Sherlock Holmes!"

Boston Post.

Oysters and Indigestion.

An interesting experiment was made not long since by a physician to determine the relative effect of whisky and beer upon the digestion of food in the human stomach.

As oysters are regarded as self-digesting food, two fine specimens were chosen, one being placed in a glass full of beer, and the other in a similar vessel about half full of whisky.

The oysters were allowed to remain in their respective receptacles all night.

When examined in the morning by the physician it was found that the bivalve which had been in the beer had dissolved with the exception of the tough and indigestible heart, while the oyster that had spent the night in the whisky had shrunk to half its natural size, and was almost as tough as sole leather, no disolu-

COLORS OF SPRING AND SUMMER

SADIE MERRITT Views the Annual Issue of Color Cards in Paris.

A MONTH ago would have seemed early to have begun talking of spring and summer styles in America, but it was none too early in Paris, the home of fashion. True the retail stores were not displaying their spring goods, nor were the windows of our great dressmakers decorated with spring and summer gowns, but the men who originate the styles in women's dresses had decreed what they should be for the coming seasons, the manufacturers were producing the cloths of which they would be made.

The semiannual issue of color cards is a great event in Paris fashion circles, and those for the coming spring and summer have been out for a month or more. These cards are so intricate and so varied that it would be impossible for me to explain them in detail in a short space, even if I were capable of explaining them at all, which I am

not. In fact I doubt very much if anyone, even the makers, could so explain them as to make them intelligible to the average newspaper reader. The various shades are given peculiar French names which are entirely meaningless to the average reader. These names never describe the shades which they represent, so I will not attempt to give them, but will confine myself to a general statement of what the colors of the coming seasons will be.

The popularity of silks to continue, and some beautiful colors are shown, the principal ones of which are blues in almost all shades, several shades of lilac that are really beautiful, very light grays and golden browns. The browns, however, while pretty, do not promise to become very popular as it is considered too warm a color for anything later than early spring. Some of the prettiest blues are folies amoureuses, a tone on the scarlet order; lilac on the delft order, a Fashoda, a robin's egg blue. Of the grays there is de Seville, which is quite light; Marie Theresa, a deeper tone, and Sufre, a bluish gray. Azalee, a reddish purple, is the best of the lilac series. A few shades of other colors are shown, as a soft yellow, half a dozen different reds, and one or two pinks. These will be probably the most popular ones, but it will be possible to get almost any color in silks, although the shades are not so numerous excepting in the colors named.

There will be colors and shades without number in dress goods, but the most prominent will be grays. Of these the blue gray, mouse gray and dove gray are expected to prove most popular, and the expectations of Paris fashion makers are usually realized. Then there are reds, blacks, blues in innumerable shades, tans, castors, white, green, brown and iris. These colors apply principally to woolsens. In cotton dress goods the principal colors will be blue, red and white. When a manufacturer gave me those cotton goods colors he put them in the order of red, white and blue at first, and I could not help smiling at the simile between them and the American flag, and wondered if for that reason Paris colors would increase in popularity in America this year. The order in which I have first named them, however, is the order in which they are expected to sell. Broadcloth will be one of the most popular materials for spring. The colors in this include a dull white, described as pipe clay, rose pink, canary, lavender gray, heliotrope, Nile green, turquoise, vivid reds, silver gray and royal blues.

While writing of broadcloths I want to give a description of a broadcloth suit which has been popular here this winter. It is a striking costume, and yet extremely neat. I saw it at one of the theaters one evening, early in the season, and it made up for many deficiencies in looks for the woman who wore it. It was made entirely of white broadcloth and black velvet.

The skirt fit closely over the hips, with black velvet square panels at the sides, bordered at the edge with sable. The waist had three tucks from neck to waist line, with ruffles of black velvet, edged with sable opening at the

neck. The front was left plain with narrow velvet band and vandyke on side and back to finish waist line. The sleeves were plain, with six tucks running crosswise, and a small cap of velvet edged with sable. The bottom of the sleeve was also edged with sable. At the neck there was a rolling collar of velvet with sable to finish.

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But to go back to our spring styles. Velvets give promise of running far into the spring, and some of the new ones are decidedly original and artistic, their pile is so peculiarly crushed that the surface presents the appearance of being covered with large fallen leaves with their delicate lines and fibers.

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mauve. They are more applicable to entire skirts or waists, for when cut into pieces of small dimensions the effect is spoiled.

After all has been said, however, cloths of all kinds will be the most popular for all kinds of dresses, even running into the summer season.

Dresses are so much seen at present with the skirt and waist fashioned in the same material that this is scarcely to be wondered at. Then again the princess robe, so favorably adopted by Parisians, almost necessitates a plain material, and never looks better or falls in such graceful folds as when fashioned in cloth.

So, though the future may perhaps have in store for us materials woven with cobwebs, at any rate cloth does for the present, and will, for a considerable time, reign supreme.

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